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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re:

KAVEH LAHIJANI,

Debtor(s).

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CASENO: 1:98-bk-15561 GM

Chapter 7

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ESTATE PROPERTY

Sale Date: July 15, 2009			Time: 10:00 A.M.	Time: 10:00 A.M.	
Location: Court	room 303, U.S.	Bankruptcy Cour	t, 21041 Burbank Blvd, W	oodland Hills, CA 91367	
Type of Sale:	Public	Private	Last date to file objections:	See attached Notice	

Description of Property to be Sold:

Real property located at: 1000 Flamingo Road, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Terms and Conditions of Sale:

See the attached Notice of Motion for Order (1) Approving the Sale of Real Property Asset of the Estate Free and Clear of Liens, (2) Combined with Notice of Bidding Procedures and Request for Approval of the Bidding Procedures Utilitzed; (3) Approving Asset Purchase Agreement in Connection With the Sale, (4) Approving Payment of Real Estate Commission and Other Costs of Sale; and (5) Granting Other Related Relief ("Notice")

Proposed Sale Price:

\$3,460,000, subject to overbids - see the attached Notice for the terms of the sale

Overbid Procedure (If Any):

See the attached Notice

If property is to be sold free and clear of liens or other interests. Jist date, time and location of hearing:

July 15, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in Courtroom 303 of the above-entitled Court located at 21041 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

Contact Person for Potential Bidders (include name, address, telephone, fax and/or e:mail address):

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16		PROPERTY ASSET OF THE ESTATE FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS;	
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19		(3) APPROVING ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH	
20		THE SALE;	
21		(4) APPROVING PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE COMMISSION AND OTHER COSTS OF SALE; AND	
22		(5) GRANTING OTHER RELATED RELIEF	
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 15, 2009 at 10:00 A.M., in Courtroom 303 of the above-entitled Court located at 21041 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367, John M. Wolfe, Chapter 7 Trustee for the bankruptcy estate ("Estate") of Kaveh Lahijani, the debtor herein ("Debtor") will brings a Motion for Order (1) Approving the Sale of Real Property Asset of the Estate Free and Clear of Liens, (2) Combined With Notice of Bidding Procedures and Request for Approval of the Bidding Procedures Utilized, (3) Approving Asset Purchase Agreement in Connection With the Sale, (4) Approving Payment of Real Estate Commission and Other Costs of Sale; and (5) Granting Other Related Relief ("Sale Motion"). Following is a summary of the Sale Motion.

# I. PREFACTORY REMARKS AND SUMMARY OF SALE

Through the Sale Motion, the Trustee seeks Court approval to sell the Flamingo Property to the Buyer for a purchase price of \$3,460,000, all cash. This sale price is \$460,000, over the amount claimed by the first trust lienholder, Bankers West Mortgage, to be the value of the Flamingo Property.<sup>2</sup>

The Trustee estimates that after payment of costs of the sale, the estimated net sale proceeds will be approximately \$3,364,631. As set forth below, the disputed lien of Bankers West Mortgage in the alleged amount of \$3,360,000, and the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens totaling approximately \$130,247.11, will attach to the net proceeds of the sale in the same validity and priority as prior to the sale pending agreement with the creditor or further Court order.

As set forth below, due to the very suspect and unusual circumstances associated with the Flamingo Property loan from Bankers West Mortgage (who appears to be a "friendly" secured creditor of the Debtor), the Trustee is very concerned and disputes the validity, priority and amount of the Bankers West Mortgage loan related to the Flamingo Property.

As set forth below, each of the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens were recorded after the Flamingo Property became an asset of the Estate. Each of the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens were recorded after the entry of the Substantive Consolidation Order (entered on October 3, 2005) and after the Substantive Consolidation Order was recorded with the Orange County Recorder's Office (recorded on November 29, 2005). As such, the Trustee believes that the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens were recorded in violation of the automatic stay under Bankruptcy Code Section 362. In addition, the Trustee believes that under applicable federal bankruptcy law, the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens are each invalid and there are causes of action to have each of them set aside in that they were recorded in violation of the automatic stay after the Petition Date and after the Substantive Consolidation Order, and none of the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens were authorized by the Bankruptcy Code nor order of the Bankruptcy Court. Furthermore, the Trustee disputes the validity of the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens on the grounds that they may not have been properly perfected under the strict statutory requirements under California state law applicable to mechanic's liens.

Title to the Flamingo Property is held in the name of "Elan Enterprises, Inc., a California corporation" ("Elan Enterprises, Inc."). Pursuant a final order entered on October 3, 2005, this Court substantively consolidated the Debtor's assets with that of Elan Enterprises, Inc. and Vista Lane, LLC, a California limited liability company ("Vista Lane LLC"). As such, the Flamingo Property is an asset of the Estate.

In connection with its Motion for Relief From Stay on the Flamingo Property, Bankers West Mortgage submitted an appraisal valuing the Flamingo Property at \$3,000,0000.

The Flamingo Property will be sold free and clear of all Liens and Encumbrances<sup>3</sup>, with Liens and Encumbrances not resolved through the sale, to attach to the proceeds of the sale in the same validity and priority as prior to sale. The Trustee does not believe it is prudent or necessary to resolve the Bankers West Mortgage disputed lien and/or the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens by Court order or judgment prior to the sale. The disputed alleged lien of Bankers West Mortgage and the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens are each subject to a bona fide dispute and the Bankruptcy Code provides for a means to sell free and clear of such interests. If the Estate is forced to wait for resolution of the disputes, the Trustee may lose the opportunity to capitalize on the current interest from the Buyer and may also lose the subject property through a foreclosure. As such, the sale should proceed now, with any disputed claims or interests of Bankers West Mortgage and/or the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens to attach to the proceeds.

In addition, the Trustee seeks approval of the payment of real estate commission and other costs of sale associated with the sale of the Flamingo Property. The real estate commission and costs of sale to be paid related to the sale transaction will be paid through escrow from the proceeds of the sale. The Buyer's real estate agent will not be receiving a commission. If necessary, the Trustee's real estate agent has agreed to reduce his 3% commission to allow for payment of closing costs.

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The sale of the Flamingo Property at this time is essential because (1) the Trustee does not want to lose the favorable opportunity to sell the Flamingo Property as-is where-is for \$3,460,000, at least \$460,000 over the amount the Bankers West Mortgage asserts is the fair market value of the Flamingo Property, in the current uncertain real estate market, (2) the Debtor is causing a substantial depletion of equity in the Flamingo Property, which will soon make it impossible for the Trustee to administer if the Debtor further delays and does not pay all allowed claims in full based on the terms of the Second Amended Stipulation<sup>4</sup>; and (3) the Trustee is very concerned that the Debtor will continue to deplete equity out of assets of the Estate like the Flamingo Property so that by the time there is a final non-appellable order allowing the administrative claims, the Trustee would be left with no assets to liquidate to satisfy the administrative claims.

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Based on the above and under the terms as set forth in more detail below, the Trustee believes the only option available is the orderly sale of the Flamingo Property and based on good business reasons, including the current real estate market and the economics of this Estate, it is in the best interest of the creditors of this Estate that this Sale Motion be approved so that Trustee does not lose these favorable business opportunity.

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## A. Bankruptcy Filing and Trustees

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Kaveh Lahijani ("Kaveh" or "Debtor") commenced this case by filing a voluntary Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Petition on April 22, 1998 ("Petition Date").

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The predecessor trustee Steven E. Smith filed a no asset report, and the Debtor received a discharge.

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The case was closed pursuant to Order of this Court entered August 3, 1999.

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On motion by the Debtor and pursuant to Order of the Bankruptcy Court entered June 6, 2002, the Debtor's bankruptcy case was reopened to abandon a cross-complaint held by the estate against the Simantob creditors and Peter C. Anderson was appointed as the Chapter 7 trustee ("Trustee Anderson"). On July 24, 2006, Trustee Anderson resigned.

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"Liens and Encumbrances" means any and all liens, claims, and encumbrances of any nature whatsoever.

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Capitalized terms are defined below.

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On July 25, 2006, the Office of the United States Trustee appointed John P. Pringle ("Trustee Pringle") to serve as the Chapter 7 trustee in this bankruptcy case.

Following a disputed election, John M. Wolfe was confirmed as the permanent Chapter 7 trustee pursuant to Order entered on October 18, 2007. Mr. Wolfe is the fourth trustee in the

#### Consolidation with Elan Enterprises, Inc. and Vista Lane LLC В.

Pursuant to an order entered on October 3, 2005 ("Substantive Consolidation Order"), this Court substantively consolidated the Debtor's assets with that of Elan Enterprises, Inc. and Vista Lane LLC. The Debtor appealed the Substantive Consolidation Order to the District Court. The District Court affirmed pursuant to a December 7, 2007 Order Affirming Orders of the Honorable Geraldine Mund of the United States Bankruptcy Court Granting Motion for Substantive Consolidation and Denying Motion for Reconsideration and/or Amendment. The Debtor then appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeal was pending when the Debtor and the Trustee executed the Second Amended Stipulation (defined below). The Second Amended Stipulation required the Debtor to dismiss the Ninth Circuit appeal, which he did.

Prior to the Substantive Consolidation Order, Vista Lane LLC owned all rights, title and interests in and to certain real property located at 630 Vista Lane, Laguna Beach, CA ("Vista Lane Property"), which was acquired from Bryan Mashian in 2000.

Prior to the Substantive Consolidation Order, Elan Enterprises, Inc. owned all rights, title and interests in and to certain real property located at 1000 Flamingo Road, Laguna Beach, CA ("Flamingo Property"), which was purchased on June 10, 1999 from "John J. Terry and Carol A. Terry, Trustees for the Terry Family Trust dated 9/13/85 who acquired title under trust dated 9/13/94." The Flamingo Property consists of a partially constructed residence.

As a result of the Substantive Consolidation Order, both the Vista Lane Property and the Flamingo Property are assets of this Estate.

#### Second Amended Stipulation, Tolling Agreement and the Debtor's Performance **C**.

The Trustee and the Debtor reached an agreement entitled Second Amended Stipulation Among Successor Trustee, John M. Wolfe, Vista Lane LLC, Elan Enterprises, Inc. and Debtor, Kaveh Lahijani Regarding Administration of the Estate and Commitment to Pay Allowed Claims in Full ("Second Amended Stipulation") which was approved by Judge Mund pursuant to an order entered on April 3, 2008.

The Trustee also entered into a certain Third Tolling Stipulation Between the Chapter 7 Trustee and Bryan B. Mashian, Micha Mottale and Larissa Lahijani re Tolling and Standstill Agreement ("Tolling Agreement") to toll the expiring of the statute of limitations concerning the Estate's alleged avoidance claims against the Debtor's family and friends ("Insider Claims"). The Tolling Agreement was approved by the Court pursuant to an order entered on April 2, 2009.

Although the Debtor has paid substantial sums in administrative fees and costs allowed by final order to date pursuant to the terms of the Second Amended Stipulation, he has defaulted under said stipulation by failing to stay current on the mortgage payments with respect to the Vista Lane Property, as well as the Flamingo Property. With respect to the Vista Lane Property, the Trustee is informed and believes that the Debtor has not made a mortgage payment to Washington Mutual (now JP Morgan Chase) (which holds the first priority deed of trust on the Vista Lane Property) since March 2009. The Trustee is further informed and believes that Debtor has not made payments to Bankers West Mortgage (which holds a second priority deed of trust against the Vista Lane Property) since December 2008. With respect to the Flamingo

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Property, the Trustee is informed and believes that the Debtor has not made payments to Bankers West Mortgage (which holds a first priority deed of trust on the Flamingo Property) since September 2008 allegedly when construction funds were exhausted. Bankers West Mortgage filed a motion for relief from the automatic stay as to the Flamingo Property. JP Morgan Chase filed a motion for relief from stay as to the Vista Lane Property. Both motions for relief from stay were opposed by the Trustee and denied by the Court. However, due to the Debtor's failure to make payments to the secured lenders, the Trustee is concerned that the equity in the Vista Lane Property as well as the Flamingo Property may be diminished significantly and rapidly. As such, following the Debtor's defaults under the Second Amended Stipulation, the Trustee immediately commenced active marketing of the Vista Lane Property and the Flamingo Property for sale. The Debtor has been interfering and preventing such sales and the Trustee fears that by the time that all remaining claims are reduced to final judgment, there will be no assets for which to satisfy such claims.

#### D. The Proposed Sale of the Flamingo Property

The Flamingo Property is the real property that is the subject of this Sale Motion. The legal description of the Flamingo Property is set forth in the Preliminary Title Report dated March 12, 2009, a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 1** to the Declaration of John M. Wolfe ("Wolfe Declaration")annexed to the Sale Motion. The legal description for the Flamingo Property is believed to be accurate but may be corrected or updated by the title company in the transfer documents as necessary to complete the proposed sale transaction.

As set forth in the Preliminary Title Report, title to the Flamingo Property is held in the name of "Elan Enterprises, Inc., a California corporation" ("Elan Enterprises, Inc."). As set forth above, pursuant the final order entered on October 3, 2005, this Court substantively consolidated the Debtor's assets with that of Elan Enterprises, Inc. and Vista Lane LLC. As such, the Flamingo Property is an asset of the Estate.

## No proceeds from the sale of the Flamingo Property will be disbursed to the Debtor.

Attached as Exhibit 2 to the Wolfe Declaration annexed to the Sale Motion is a true and correct copy of the Vacant Land Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions ("Purchase Agreement"). In brief, subject to approval of the Court, the principal terms of the sale of the Flamingo Property are as follows<sup>3</sup>:

Buyer: Khaghany Pakideh	
Purchase Price:	\$3,460,000 (\$180,000 deposit and balance due at closing, all cash)
Closing	Within two weeks of escrow being opened. Based on prior orders of the Court, escrow may not open until on or after July 1, 2009.
Contingency Period:	Buyer shall have until July 8, 2009 conduct all inspections.
Outstanding Real Property Taxes:	To be paid by Seller through escrow

This summary of the material terms is not meant to be a complete review of every provision of the Asset Purchase Agreement. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement and this summary, the terms of Asset Purchase Agreement shall control and not this summary.

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Allocation of Certain Costs:	Escrow Fees – Buyer and Seller to each pay their own costs If so desired, Buyer to pay for a natural hazard zone disclosure report. If so desired, Buyer to pay for wood destroying pest inspection report and recommended work for repairs. If so desired, Buyer to pay for inspection report from the City of Laguna Beach. If so desired, Buyer to pay for all costs for compliance  If so desired, Buyer to pay for a home warranty plan.
Real Estate Commission:	Through this Sale Motion, the Debtor seeks authorization to pay a listing real estate broker commission to Sellers agent, Joseph Galosic of Capstone Realty. The Buyer's real estate agent will not be receiving a commission. If necessary, the Trustee's real estate agent has agreed to reduce his 3% commission to allow for payment of closing costs.

In addition, the Trustee proposes to sell the Flamingo Property on an "as is – where as" basis with all faults and conditions then existing at property, and the Buyer shall agree that (1) the Trustee is not making any representations, warranties, either express or implied, as to the condition, use (prior, present and future), or otherwise of the Flamingo; and (2) the Trustee shall not provide the Buyer with any reports as to the conditions or uses for the Flamingo Property.

## E. Treatment of the Liens and Encumbrances Under the Sale

The following chart sets forth the liens and encumbrances against the Flamingo Property along with the Trustee's proposed treatment of the liens and encumbrances through the proposed sale:

Creditor	Description	Estimated Amount Owing	Treatment Through the Sale
Orange County Treasurer and Collector	Real property taxes	\$219	All outstanding real property taxes will be paid through escrow on the sale transaction.
Bankers West Mortgage	Deed of Trust recorded November 5, 2003, Instrument No. Unknown	\$3,360,000	The priority, validity and amount of this lien is disputed by the Trustee. As it is subject to a bona fide dispute, the Trustee seeks to sell the Flamingo Property free and clear of the lien in favor of the Bankers West Mortgage, with such disputed lien to attach to the proceeds of the sale in the same validity and priority as prior to the sale pending agreement with the creditor or further Court order.  See further discussion below regarding the disputed lien of Bankers West Mortgage

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2	Creditor	<u>Description</u>	Estimated Amount Owing	Treatment Through the Sale
3 4 5 6 7 8	EJO Construction, Inc. dba E.O. Construction	Mechanic's Lien recorded September 30, 2008, Instrument No. 2008000456383	\$54,726.62	The priority, validity and amount of this lien is disputed by the Trustee. As it is subject to a bona fide dispute, the Trustee seeks to sell the Flamingo Property free and clear of the lien in favor of this Mechanic's Lien, with such disputed lien to attach to the proceeds of the sale in the same validity and priority as prior to the sale pending agreement with the creditor or further Court order.  See further discussion below regarding the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens
0	Hassinger HVAC	Mechanic's Lien	\$20,000	The priority, validity and amount of this
1		recorded October 7, 2008, Instrument No. 2008000467137		lien is disputed by the Trustee. As it is subject to a bona fide dispute, the Trustee seeks to sell the Flamingo Property free and clear of the lien in
2				favor of this Mechanic's Lien, with such disputed lien to attach to the proceeds of the sale in the same validity and priority
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5 6				See further discussion below regarding the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens
7	Kilday Plumbing Co.	Mechanic's Lien recorded November	\$25,000	The priority, validity and amount of this lien is disputed by the Trustee. As it is
8		17, 2008, Instrument No. 2008000536147		subject to a bona fide dispute, the Trustee seeks to sell the Flamingo
0				Property free and clear of the lien in favor of this Mechanic's Lien, with such disputed lien to attach to the proceeds of the sale in the same validity and priority
1				as prior to the sale pending agreement with the creditor or further Court order.
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3	Eurobath & Tile, Inc.	Mechanic's Licn recorded December 8, 2008, Instrument No.	\$7,422.98	The priority, validity and amount of this lien is disputed by the Trustee. As it is subject to a bona fide dispute, the
4		2008000563099		Trustee seeks to self the Flamingo Property free and clear of the lien in
5				favor of this Mechanic's Lien, with such disputed lien to attach to the proceeds of
6 7				the sale in the same validity and priority as prior to the sale pending agreement with the creditor or further Court order.
8				See further discussion below regarding the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens
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10	Ganahl Lumber Company	Mechanic's Lien recorded December	\$9,402.51	The priority, validity and amount of this lien is disputed by the Trustee. As it is
11		19, 2008, Instrument No. 2008000582594		subject to a bona fide dispute, the Trustee seeks to sell the Flamingo Property free and clear of the lien in
12				favor of this Mechanic's Lien, with such
13				disputed lien to attach to the proceeds of the sale in the same validity and priority
14				as prior to the sale pending agreement with the creditor or further Court order.
15				See further discussion below regarding
16				the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens
17	Ian S. Kennedy, Inc.	Mechanic's Lien dated June 15, 2009,	\$13,695	The priority, validity and amount of this lien is disputed by the Trustee. As it is
18		unknown recording information		subject to a bona fide dispute, the Trustee seeks to sell the Flamingo
19	:			Property free and clear of the lien in favor of this Mechanic's Lien, with such
20				disputed lien to attach to the proceeds of the sale in the same validity and priority
21			•	as prior to the sale pending agreement with the creditor or further Court order.
22				See further discussion below regarding
23				the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens

### The Lien of Bankers West Mortgage is the Subject of a Bona fide Dispute F.

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It should be noted that the amount (and possibly validity) of Bankers West Mortgage's lien for approximately \$3,360,000 against the Flamingo Property is suspect for various reasons.

Bankers West also filed a Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay ("Bankers West Stay Motion") against the Flamingo Property. The Trustee opposed the Bankers West Stay

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Motion, and challenged lien of Banker West Mortgage against the Flamingo Property. The Court set an evidentiary hearing to allow the parties to conduct discovery. Ultimately, the Court denied the Bankers West Stay Motion.

Further, the Trustee believes that the loan advances by Bankers West Mortgage to Elan Enterprises, Inc. (the borrower at the time) did not total anywhere near the \$3,000,000 on the face of the deed of trust. It is believed that the amount Bankers West Mortgage can prove it advanced to Elan Enterprises, Inc. on account of the Flamingo Property is much less than the face of the \$3,000,0000 trust deed and is actually somewhere close to \$550,000.

In summary the lien of Bankers West Mortgage is the subject of a bona fide dispute.

## G. <u>Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens</u>

As set forth in the chart above, the disputed alleged mechanic's liens of EJO Construction, Inc., dba E.O. Construction, Hassinger HVAC, Kilday Plumbing Co., Eurobath & Tile, Inc., Ganahl Lumber Company and Ian S. Kennedy, Inc. (collectively the "Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens") were each recorded after the Flamingo Property became an asset of the Estate. Each of the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens were recorded after the entry of the Substantive Consolidation Order (entered on October 3, 2005) and after the Substantive Consolidation Order was recorded with the Orange County Recorder's Office (recorded on November 29, 2005). As such, the Trustee believes that the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens were recorded in violation of the automatic stay under Bankruptcy Code Section 362, and therefore, under applicable federal bankruptcy law, the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens are each invalid as any action taken in violation of the automatic stay is void as a matter of law. See, In re Schwartz, 951 Fed.2d, 596 (9th Cir. 1992).

Furthermore, the Trustee believes that there are causes of action under Bankruptcy Code Section 549 to have each of the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens set aside in that they were recorded after the Petition Date and after the Substantive Consolidation Order, and none of the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens were authorized by the Bankruptcy Code nor order of the Bankruptcy Court.

In addition, the Trustee disputes the validity of the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens on the grounds that they may not have been properly perfected under the strict statutory requirements under California state law applicable to mechanic's liens, including but not limited to California Civil Code sections 3115-3117<sup>6</sup> and 3144<sup>7</sup>.

California Civil Code § 3115 provides: each original contractor, in order to enforce a lien, must record his claim of lien after he completes his contract and before the expiration of (a) 90 days after the completion of the work of improvement as defined in Section 3106 if no notice of completion or notice of cessation has been recorded, or (b) 60 days after recordation of a notice of completion or notice of cessation.

California Civil Code § 3116 provides: Each claimant other than an original contractor, in order to enforce a lien, must record his claim of lien after he has ceased furnishing labor, services, equipment, or materials, and before the expiration of (a) 90 days after completion of the work of improvement if no notice of completion or cessation has been recorded, or (b) 30 days after recordation of a notice of completion or notice of cessation.

California Civil Code § 3117 provides: Where the work of improvements is not made pursuant to one original contract for the work of improvement but is made in whole or in part pursuant to two or more original contracts, each covering a particular portion of the work of improvement, the owner may, within 10 days after completion of any such contract for a particular portion of the work of improvement, record a notice of completion. If such notice of completion be recorded, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 3115 and 3116, the original contractor under the contract covered by such notice must, within 60 days after recording of such notice, and any claimant under such contract other than the original contractor must, within 30 days after the recording of such

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In summary, each of the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens are the subject of a bona fide dispute.

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#### H. **Estimated Net Proceeds**

The Trustee estimates that the net proceeds to be generated from the sale will be approximately \$3,364,631, as follows:

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Purchase Price	\$3,460,000
Less: Outstanding Real Property Tax	(\$219)
Less: Cost of Sale (2.75%) (Includes real estate agent commission. The Buyer's real estate agent will not be receiving a commission. If necessary, the Trustee's real estate agent has agreed to reduce his 3% commission to allow for payment of closing costs.)	(\$95,150)
Estimated Net Sale Proceeds (To which the disputed alleged lien of Bankers West Mortgage in the amount of \$3,360,000 and the Disputed Alleged Mechanic's Liens totaling approximately \$130,247.11, will attach in the same validity and	\$3,364,631

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## The Debtor's Intentional Depletion of Equity in the Flamingo Property and Other I.

priority as prior to the sale pending agreement with the creditor or

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The Debtor has not made the monthly mortgage payments Bankers West Mortgage (the first trust deed lienholder on Flamingo Property) since September 2008, thereby causing substantial equity decrease in the Flamingo Property.

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The Trustee is concerned that the Debtor will engage in his old machinations and will again claim that he has no money to pay any of the allowed administrative claims or worse, appeal the orders allowing the administrative claims so that there will be significant delays. Meanwhile, he will continue to deplete equity out of assets of the Estate like the Flamingo Property so that by the time there is a final non-appellable order allowing the administrative claims, the Trustee would be left with no assets to liquidate to satisfy the administrative claims.

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This is most evident by the recent event involving the Flamingo Property. Immediately after the hearing on May 14, 2009 wherein the Court vacated the turnover order that was to be effective on May 18, 2009 or alternatively on June 30, 2009 if the Debtor was current on his mortgages, the Debtor caused the cancellation of the insurance on the Flamingo Property with Caspian Insurance Services. The Trustee understands that Caspian Insurance Services is the same company that the Debtor had been using for years. This cancellation of insurance has significant impact on the Estate in that the Estate would have to get a new policy with other insurance companies, which are significantly higher and required non-refundable premiums. As

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notice of completion, record his claim of lien. If such notice is not recorded, then the period for recording claims of lien shall be as provided for in Sections 3115 and 3116.

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California Civil Code § 3144 provides: that an action to foreclose must be commenced within 90 days after the recording of the claim of lien unless credit has been extended by the lien claimant or the time period has been waived.

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of the drafting of this Sale Motion, that premium for insurance on the Flamingo Property is \$14,828.69. The Trustee was required to pay this amount by June 14, 2009 when the insurance policy with Caspian Insurance Services will expired.

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While marketing the Flamingo Property for sale, which has been under construction, there was a third party interested buyer who was trying to start the due diligence process. However, the Trustee learned that the Debtor advised the architect (Kirk Saunders) who drew the plans to not to speak to any third party concerning the project because the Flamingo Property "is his" and that "he is going to get it back through the bankruptcy".

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## J. Notice to All Interested Parties of the Bidding Procedures

8 9 The Trustee has determined that it would benefit the Estate by permitting all interested parties to receive information and bid the for the Flamingo Property instead of selling the property to the Buyer on an exclusive basis. Accordingly, in order to obtain the highest and best offer for the benefit of the creditors of this Estate, the Trustee is utilizing the following bidding procedures ("Bidding Procedures") and requests that Court order approving the sale transaction for the Flamingo Property also provides for approval of the following Bidding Procedures:

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a. Competing offers to acquire the Flamingo Property shall be submitted in writing to the Trustee and his counsel Shulman Hodges & Bastian LLP on or before 4:00 p.m. (Pacific

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Time) the day prior to the hearing on the Sale Motion.

b. Competing offers shall provide for an all-cash purchase price to be paid to the

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b. Competing offers shall provide for an all-cash purchase price to be paid to the Trustee that exceeds the Purchase Price herein by at least Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

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c. Competing offers shall be accompanied by a purchase agreement in form and substance substantially identical to the Purchase Agreement agreed to by the Buyer, together with a redlined, marked copy showing all changes to the Purchase Agreement (the "Competing Agreement").

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d. Competing offers must not be subject to due diligence contingencies or other conditions; any bidder shall have an opportunity to view the Flamingo Property prior to the hearing on the Sale Motion (notwithstanding the foregoing, all due diligence must be completed by all qualified bidders prior to the hearing on the Sale Motion).

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c. All competing bids must remain open until the conclusion of the hearing on the Sale Motion.

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f. All competing bids shall contain terms and conditions no less favorable to Trustee than the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement.

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g. ALL COMPETING BIDS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THAT THE FLAMINGO PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD ON AN "AS-IS AND WHERE-IS" BASIS WITH ALL FAULTS AND CONDITIONS THEN EXISTING AT THE VISTA LANE PROPERTY, AND THE COMPETING BIDDER SHALL AGREE THAT (1) THE TRUSTEE IS NOT MAKING ANY REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE CONDITION, USE (PRIOR, PRESENT AND FUTURE), OR OTHERWISE OF THE FLAMINGO PROPERTY; AND (2) THE TRUSTEE SHALL NOT PROVIDE THE WINNING BIDDER WITH ANY REPORTS AS TO THE CONDITIONS OR USES FOR THE VISTA LANE PROPERTY. WITHOUT IN ANY WAY LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, THE COMPETING BIDDER SHALL SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE TO WAIVE, RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY CLAIM IT HAS, MIGHT HAVE IN THE FUTURE, HAD OR MAY HAVE AGAINST THE TRUSTEE, THE

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Trustee request at the hearing on the Sale Motion that the Court approve the

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m. Clarification Regarding Debtor's Requirements Under the Bidding Procedures in the Event Debtor Elects to Cure Defaults and Perform Under the Second Amended Stipulation. In the event that the Debtor elects to proceed with the funding under the Second Amended Stipulation prior to the close of escrow on the Flamingo Property to the Buyer or a Winning Bidder, which would result in the Trustee not consummating the sale of the Flamingo Property and the canceling of escrow with the Buyer or the Winning Bidder, as the case may be, the Debtor will be required to (1) cure all defaults under the Second Amended Stipulation and (2) pay to the Trustee all allowed administrative expenses of the Estate. Furthermore, the cure of defaults under the Second Amended Stipulation includes, but is not limited to, the payment of all unpaid mortgage payments with respect to the Vista Lanc Property and the Flamingo Property. All cure payments under the Second Amended Stipulation, including all unpaid administrative expenses, all unpaid mortgage payments with respect to the Vista Lane Property and the Flamingo Property, and any break-up ree related to the Vista Lane Property (collectively the "Default Cure Amount"), shall be in the form of "Good Funds" and deposited with the Trustee's counsel by no later than July 15, 2009. "Good Funds" means cash or other immediately available, good funds.

#### K. Approval of the Sale Serves the Best Interests of the Estate and Creditors

The Trustee believes that the proposed sale, subject to overbidding is the best available alternative for maximizing the value of the Flamingo Property for the Estate and creditors. The alternative to the proposed orderly sale would be the potential loss of Flamingo Property through foreclosure sale by the secured creditor, which would not benefit any party with allowed claims.

As set forth in the Declaration of Joseph Galosic, the offer presented represents a fair market value for the Flamingo Property in today's real estate market. Furthermore, since listing the Flamingo Property for sale, there have been numerous calls and much interest in the property. In that time, the Trustee has received three offers from three different buyers ranging from \$2,400,000, to the present offer of \$3,460,000.

The proposed sale price is \$460,000, over the amount claimed by the first trust lienholder, Bankers West Mortgage, to be the value of the Flamingo Property. Morcover, the Debtor is causing a substantial depletion of equity (from September 2008) in the Flamingo Property, which will soon make it impossible for the Trustee to administer if the Debtor further delays and does not pay all allowed claims in full based on the terms of the Second Amended Stipulation. Given the history of this case and the Debtor's legal maneuvering, the Trustee is very concerned that if he waits any longer that the Debtor will continue to deplete assets of the Estate like the Flamingo Property so that by the time there is a final non-appellable order allowing the administrative claims, the Trustee would be left with no assets to liquidate to satisfy the administrative claims.

Accordingly, and based on the above, the Trustee believes that sale serves the best interest of all creditors, including administrative creditors who will be allowed some or all of their claims on or about June 25, 2009.

For further information please see the CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR ORDER: (1) APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY ASSET OF THE ESTATE FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS; (2) COMBINED WITH NOTICE OF BIDDING PROCEDURES AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE BIDDING PROCEDURES

In connection with its Motion for Relief From Stay on the Flamingo Property, Bankers West Mortgage submitted an appraisal valuing the Flamingo Property at \$3,000,0000.

1 UTILIZED, (3) APPROVING ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE; (4) APPROVING PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE COMMISSION AND OTHER COSTS OF SALE; AND (5) GRANTING OTHER RELATED RELIEF; MEMORANDUM OF 2 POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATIONS OF JOHN M. WOLFE AND JOSEPH GALOSIC IN SUPPORT THEREOF on file with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court which may be reviewed on Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. A copy of the Sale Motion may be obtained by written request to the Trustee's attorney at the address indicated above. 5 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any opposition or other responsive paper to the Sale Motion must be filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court and a copy served on Shulman Hodges & Bastian LLP to the attention of Lynda T. Bui at the address indicated above and the San Fernando Valley, 21051 Warner Center Lane Suite 115, Woodland Hills, California 91367 at least fourteen days prior to the hearing in the form required by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(f). PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that failure to file a timely response may be deemed as consent to the relief requested in the Sale Motion. SEE, LOCAL BANKRUPTCY 10 RULE 9013-1(h). 11 Dated: June 23, 2009 SHULMAN HODGES & BASTIAN LLP 12 /s/ Leonard M. Shulman 13 Leonard M. Shulman 14 Lynda T. Bui Attorneys for John M. Wolfe, the Chapter 7 Trustee 15 for the bankruptcy estate of Kaveh Lahijani 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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